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1912 and 1916.

Senator Poindexter, at one time a bull moose leader, announces for re-election, but will stand as a republican. He has returned to his old love. He makes no apology for his temporary desertion, but realizing that the fight now, both in his own state and elsewhere, is between the two old parties, he takes the side of the party with which he formerly trained. His bull moose did not impair his belief in republican fundamentals.

In his announcement, the senator makes this statement:

"Neither the Aberdeen convention in this state in 1912 nor the Chicago national convention of that year represented the republican party. Both perpetrated a political coup d'état by force and Macdonaldian methods, with swarms of armed policemen on the floors and at the doors. Their acts were void and of no effect."

This is hardly diplomatic; and in the movement for reunifying the two republican factions diplomacy is the word. Strong language about old differences does not possess healing properties. It is never recommended as a substitute for balm.

At Chicago in 1912 some unwise and regrettable things were done by both of the republican factions. This was due to heat generated more about persons than principles. In support of this statement, it may be mentioned that had the republican convention been willing to nominate Mr. Roosevelt it could have done so on its own terms, so far as the platform was concerned. He would have accepted the platform that Mr. Taft accepted.

The bolt required a platform to excuse the step taken—that is to say, a platform supporting the claim that bull moose did not represent solely the personal ambition of Mr. Roosevelt. Hence the features which the republicans had not incorporated into their platform, and which Mr. Taft would not have accepted.

But that is past and gone. The question today relates less to persons than to principles. Neither Mr. Taft nor Mr. Roosevelt is under serious consideration for the republican nomination next year. Both are mentioned, but neither is at all likely to lead the party. Both think the democrats have failed in office and that the republicans are coming back, and both are expected to support the republican presidential ticket.

What is now to be considered is a platform upon which both factions can stand. A mere assertion of democratic failure and a denunciation of it would not answer. Neither would promises of reform clothed in generalities answer. The issues are too numerous to be dodged, and too important to be dealt with effectively otherwise than frankly and specifically.

The D. A. R. Congress.

Today in annual session assembles in this city the congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Washington extends its usual hearty welcome to the national body, which has grown so remarkably from the small beginnings here years ago. The D. A. R. has become one of the important factors in national life. It is not only keeping alive the memory of the sacrifices of those who laid the foundations of the republic in the war against England, but it is carrying into practical effect the ideals of American civilization. In many ways it is quickening the life of the people and holding them true to the highest concept of responsibility to the state.

This organization has prospered exceedingly because it is founded upon a sound principle, and its growth is most gratifying to the people of Washington, who have always felt the keenest interest in it because of its origin here. It has created for itself a home of exceptional attractiveness which fits into the scheme of Washington's physical equipment. Its annual meetings are always enlivening and interesting.

Present conditions indicate that there will be enough cathedrals left to make a trip abroad interesting to the tourist.

Mr. Borah and the Presidency.

Senator Borah's statement respecting his party and his attitude toward its presidential nomination will not fail of attention. He is an able man, conspicuous among the younger political leaders of the country, and frank in the expression of his views. He wants his party restored to power, and probably thinks its prospects bright. Still, as he appraises the situation, the time is ripe for plain speaking; and his purpose is to hold himself free to indulge in that.

The value of plain speaking relates to a platform. It is evidently

Mr. Borah's idea that, bright as the republican prospects now are, the party has no "cinch" on next year, but must offer the country, in its platform as in its candidate, a clear expression of its purposes for the future. It must show its true colors, and sail only under them.

In the speeches Mr. Borah is to make, therefore, we should find suggestions as to what that platform should contain. He is familiar with all existing issues between the two parties. He is likewise familiar with all the circumstances that led up to the split in his own party. He was at Chicago in 1912, and participated in the republican national convention, but did not bolt. His sympathies were with the so-called progressives, but he did not become a bull moose.

Here, then, is a man entitled to a hearing as to what remains of the causes that split his party, and what is necessary to bring the two factions entirely together again. The theme is of interest, not only to the two factions, but to the democrats as well. For if still divided next year, either on old points or new, the republicans will probably again lose; if united, they are likely to win.

Mr. Borah is probably not assuming to dictate its platform to his party. He has had for so young a man a large experience in politics, and knows the give and take of the game. His desire seems to be only to speak out, and in time, on matters he thinks vital both as to success next year, and success later if success is achieved then. He sees, as others do, that if a republican follows Mr. Wilson as President he will have his hands full of the most difficult business.

The party must write the platform, and will do so, and this time must do so with extreme care and indisputable sincerity. So much deserved condemnation has been visited on the democracy because of its repudiation of the Baltimore platform, the republicans could not afford, even if disposed, to take any chances next year with a shifty and sounding deliverance.

The Call to Action.

The call "Clean up—paint up" is more than a mere phrase. It is a summons to action that will be heeded by the citizens of Washington generally. This is confidently believed because of the almost universal response heretofore whenever the citizens have been urged to improve the appearance of the capital by ridding it of refuse. Two weeks are allotted to the clean-up work, which has a wider scope this year than usual. Householders are expected not only to make their premises neat and wholesome, but to make them more attractive than heretofore by the use of paint. Judging from the activities of the painters thus far this spring, the admonition has been observed in exceptional degree in advance of the formal fortnight of municipal housecleaning.

Everybody can do something these two weeks to make Washington more attractive. Just at this time there is the best opportunity to make a showing for improvement. Lawns can be cultivated, vines trimmed, flower beds treated, borders made more neat and exact. In the next two weeks Washington will have put on its full foliage of spring, and the best work can be done now to bring the city to its highest state of attractiveness by putting out of sight and destroying every scrap of refuse. If the city is given a thorough cleaning from end to end during these fourteen days it will be far healthier than ever before through the material reduction of the fly pest with its consequent carriage of disease.

At Turtle Bay.

Commander Irwin's report on the Japanese "operations" at Turtle bay, Lower California, should effectively quiet all questions regarding Japan's intentions there. The naval officer declares after a personal examination that the work now under way at Turtle bay is devoted exclusively to the salvaging of the cruiser Asama, grounded in December. The sensational tales of elaborate preparations to establish a naval base, of mines planted at the entrance to the harbor, of a landing force of several thousand marines, of a large fleet and of work on a wireless station all pass now into the familiar class of things that might have been important if they had been true.

Some English writers advocate prohibition as a matter of voluntary patriotism rather than one of legislative restriction. The number of active and energetic men required for the thorough enforcement of compulsory prohibition may be worthy of practical consideration in this crisis.

The rise in the stock market has brought out a number of stories of successful speculation. Those who dabbled and lost are as usual left to oblivion.

Sunday Motor Accidents.

Yesterday was fair and fine throughout the east, and as a consequence motorists went forth in all directions for pleasure riding. Hundreds of thousands of people were thus carried about on long and short runs, and in the main they enjoyed themselves greatly. But a certain part of them went too fast for real pleasure or for safety, and while the percentage of casualties was perhaps not great, the day's list of mishaps was nevertheless shockingly long. Here are some of the accidents: At Lake Hopatcong, N. J., a car going at good speed struck a soft spot in the road and turned turtle, killing two people; at Patchogue, L. I., a touring car carrying three men

crashed into a cottage, and wrecked it, causing serious bruises to occupants of both cottage and car; at Egg Harbor, N. J., a man was killed in the overturn of a touring car while the driver was trying to overtake another machine; two women were badly cut in a collision between two motors. Motor cycles figured in several accidents, and deaths will probably result later from some of them. All these casualties may be classed as preventable. They are due usually to overreliance upon machinery that has its absolute limitations, and that is in turn dependent upon road conditions. Taking chances of all kinds, the marvel is that with the highways so full of high-powered cars there are not many more overturns and collisions, and yet every one that occurs may be attributed to some one's carelessness or inattention or recklessness.

It is hoped that Prof. Taft's chance remark, "Nineteen-sixteen looks good to me," is not what caused Col. Roosevelt to consider taking a hand in molding the destinies of the republican party.

When England recovers its mood for humor the Zeppelin will probably provide inspiration for airship quips corresponding to the American automobile joke.

Some time ago the announcement that the Pennsylvania railroad would spend \$20,000,000 on itself would have aroused envy. Now it awakens admiration.

Until the libel action in Syracuse is concluded any rumors of reconciliation between Mr. Barnes and Mr. Roosevelt will have to be held in abeyance.

Washington will again welcome the D. A. R. as representatives of a warlike spirit which perpetuates glory without resort to present militancy.

The old-fashioned method of settling political quarrels by the duel had at least the merit of saving a great deal of time for the courts.

Japanese navigators will have to be particularly careful if every desirable ship arouses suspicions of territorial aggression.

Germany's demand for open seas does not prevent the sultan from keeping the Dardanelles shut as securely as possible.

Mexican generals are at least getting enough mutual respect to cause them to cease calling one another bandits.

By leaving Europe for the United States Huerta shows an inclination to avoid war rather than to seek it.

SHOOTING STARS.

BY PHILANDER JOHNSON.

Comparisons.

"My income," said the boastful theatrical star, "is much larger than that of the President of the United States."

"Yes," replied the conservative person. "But you can't judge by incomes. Jack Johnson's income used to be larger than yours."

No Objection.

"Do you think women are competent to run the affairs of great nations?"

"I don't see why not," replied Mr. Growcher. "It might be a good idea, for a change, to substitute pink ribbon for red tape."

The most unfortunate man on earth is the one who always breaks something when he tries to be airy and nonchalant.

Burning Question.

Though strife is heard 'mongst men of power,

And hercer grows the din,
The real question of the hour
Is, "Can the home team win?"

In Doubt.

"What makes you keep turning your head?" asked the man at the ball game. "Do you see anybody you know?"

"No," answered his wife. "I'm studying the facial expressions. I can't be quite sure whether the people are cheering the players or expressing their feelings toward the umpire."

Helping Father.

"My boy Josh is going to be a heap o' help around the place this summer," remarked Farmer Cornstossel. "Why, he doesn't know a thing about farming."

"Summer boarders don't care anything about farmin'. Josh knows all about the latest dances."

The Ideal City.

Some day we'll discover a city so fair
That it leaves us no cause to complain;
The dust will not carry the germs through the air,
Nor be turned into mud by the rain.

We won't have dissensions that bother the mind,
While lengthy inquiries hold sway.
We'll all be uplifted and highly refined,
And wholly contented, some day.

Some day we won't fear for the crops or the fruit,
Nor fret at taxation's demand;
We will not be roused by the cannon's salute,
Nor by thoughtless opinions off-hand.

Pragmatical prattlers no longer will carp.
But when we get there, we are told,
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